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## LATEST RETURNS CINC THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT WILSON

### PRESIDENT WILSON ACHIEVES A VICTORY OVER JUDGE HUGHES

LATE RETURNS INDICATE A VICTORY FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

LATE NEWS ENCOURAGING

Dispatches Received At A Late Hour Last Night Were All Favorable For Democracy.

WILSON GIVEN 271 ELECTORAL VOTES

Several States Claim. By Republicans Roll Up Democratic Pluralities.

At 8:30 o'clock last night the Associated Press announced that President Wilson had 271 electoral votes, which is more than enough to insure his election. The Associated Press is generally acknowledged the most reliable news-gathering agency in the country, and has never in its history made an inaccurate statement. The re-election of President Wilson, therefore, is certain beyond all cavil.

So sure are the Democrats of victory that Chairman McCormick of the Campaign Committee has sent President Wilson a telegram congratulating him upon his election.

According to news received by the Commercial just before this issue is placed upon the streets, Wall Street has conceded a victory for the Democrats, and this looks very favorable, as President Wilson was bitterly opposed by financiers generally, and the fact that his election has been conceded in a district which is recognized as the financial center of the country indicates positively and conclusively that he will succeed himself as President of the United States.

After having hovered perilously near defeat in the national election Tuesday, the Democrats made appreciable gains on the home stretch, and from the latest returns available the re-election of President Wilson by a small majority is indicated.

A dispatch received here late Wednesday afternoon gave Wilson 259 electoral votes and Hughes 220. This left the states of California, New Hampshire, West Virginia and Minnesota to be accounted for. A later dispatch stated that Minnesota had been carried by Wilson. This gives him a total of 271 votes, which is five more than the number required to insure his election.

The returns began to come in about 7 o'clock Tuesday night, and were eagerly awaited by Columbians. News was received at both the Dispatch office and the local office of the Postal Telegraph Company, and at each place large crowds of interested spectators congregated. The first dispatches received were all favorable to Hughes, and when it was stated that he had carried New York, Indiana, and other doubtful states, supporters of Wilson here became disheartened. The news continued to be discouraging up to midnight, when its character suddenly changed and the gleam of hope for Wilson appeared on the horizon. Among the first favorable news was a dispatch stating that the Democrats were steadily gaining in California, and would probably carry the state. This had been looked upon as a Republican stronghold, and when Columbians learned that it was about to swing into the Democratic column they began to gain hope.

About 2 o'clock a dispatch received recapitulating the electoral vote, and this gave Hughes a total of 241 and Wilson 231, leaving 77 votes in doubt. This ended the news for the night, and it was not until Wednesday morning that favorable dispatches began to come in.

So strong was the opinion that Hughes had won out that a number of leading metropolitan papers on Tuesday night flashed his election, among the number having been The

New York Times, and the New York Herald. The Times and Herald are both considered conservative papers, and when their flashes came Columbians who had confidence in both their dignity and their integrity were considerably downhearted. The Times, however, later withdrew its prediction, having declared that the election was too close to predict the final outcome. Other papers soon began to take the same position and the news gradually became more favorable for the Democrats.

From returns received at a late hour it is probable that a majority of the nine states voting on prohibition will go in the dry column.

In Michigan the dries won by a majority of 15,000 to 25,000, in South Dakota by 25,000, Nebraska by a good margin. In Arkansas, where the question was the repeal of the present prohibition law, 242 precincts gave repeal 7,751, against repeal 15,798. Maryland seems to have defeated prohibition. Missouri, Idaho and California returns do not indicate how these states have gone on the question.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 8.—No definite election results throughout Mississippi beyond the fact that the vote cast has been unusually heavy, with the most cumbersome ballot that has ever been presented to a Mississippi electorate to handle or election officers to count and tabulate, has been received at the state capitol. The people of Jackson, as well as of every other center in the state, have been concerned over the general results throughout the country. They know that the Democratic electoral college has been voted throughout the state at the ratio of about 60 to 1 for the combined Republican, Socialist and Progressive.

It is furthermore assured that John Sharp Williams has received a handsome endorsement for United States senator, and that the eight Democratic congressmen have been re-elected.

The most interesting question presented is as to the fate of the state game and fish law under the referendum vote which was taken. So far as received here up to a late hour tonight, the figures indicate that the law has been decisively beaten. Taking the vote of Hinds county, so far as reports are to hand, the result has been almost two to one against this law. The majority against the law so far as learned is 244 votes.

Crouch-Crocker.

Mr. Edward Clifton Crouch, of Winona, and Miss Lurline Crocker were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Crocker, on North Nineteenth street at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning the ceremony having been performed by Rev. L. R. Hines, pastor of Nashville. The bridal party was made up as follows: Maid of honor, Miss Lucille Robertson; groomsmen, Mr. L. R. Adkins, of Winona; flower girl, Miss Edna Estelle Crouch; ringbearer, Miss Lillian Thedford. Mrs. Sterling Thrower played the wedding march.

Funeral Held Sunday.

Funeral services for the late Col. A. E. Herring, a wealthy farmer of the Bent Oak neighborhood, who was drowned in the Tombigbee river while out duck hunting last Thursday, were held at the family residence at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning, having been conducted by Rev. D. W. Babb, pastor of the Methodist church at Crawford. Following these services the body was brought to this city and interred at Friendship cemetery.

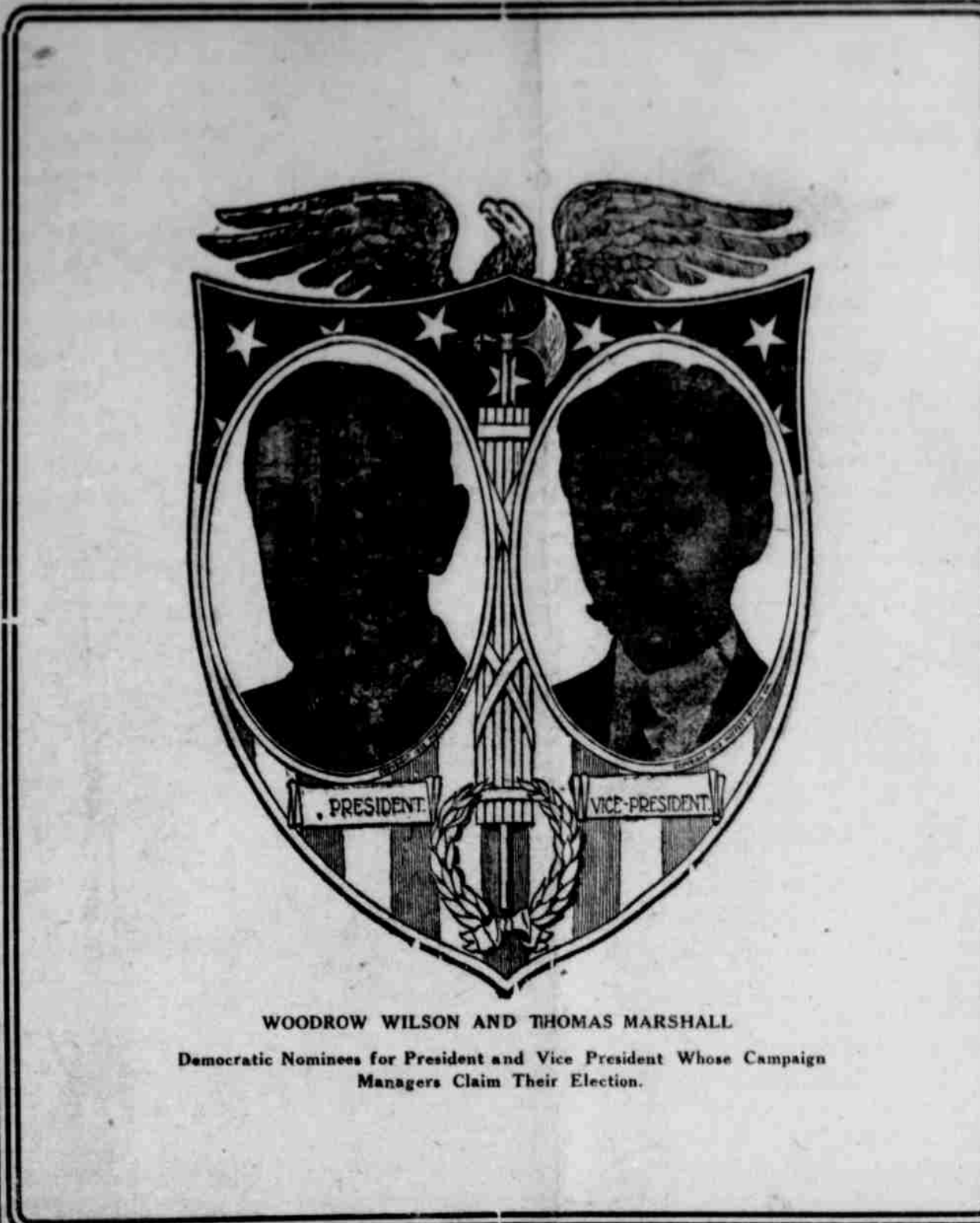
Choctaw Meeting Tonight.

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Choctaw Club will be held this evening at 8:30 o'clock. After a business session a banquet will be enjoyed.

The Choctaws are arranging to give a large dance about Thanksgiving Day, and will have music furnished by the famous Bix Six orchestra.

"Illiteracy Day."

The regular meeting of the Civic League will be held at the Chamber of Commerce at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, November 10th. As this is the day set apart by the governor to be observed throughout the state as "Illiteracy Day," a special program bearing on this subject has been prepared.



### BACK TAX COTTON SUITS THROWN OUT OF COURT

LEGALITY OF AN ACT PASSED BY LAST LEGISLATURE IS HELD AS VALID.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 8.—Suits to collect back taxes aggregating almost \$4,000,000 filed by J. Johnston, former state revenue agent, against cotton buyers and merchants in the principal cities of Mississippi, were thrown out of court by a decision of the supreme court Monday sustaining the legality of an act passed by the last legislature ordering abatement of the litigation. The suits have been pending about two years and sought to collect back taxes covering a period of six years on cotton on hand Feb. 1 each year. The court held the legislature had authority to abate litigation of the character instituted by a state official.

The act was what is known as the Hemphill act, the purpose of which was to direct the abatement of suits or claims filed by the revenue agent against a large number of cotton buyers firms throughout the state for back taxes on cotton held after Feb. 1 during a period of six years. This opinion does not deny the right of the revenue agent to take steps to recover back assessments properly due and collectible. It merely decides that the legislature was entirely within its right and prerogative in passing Senate Bill 310, and that the said act is not in conflict with the constitution.

Incidentally, it will have the effect of dismissing suits against a large number of cotton buyers throughout the state on cotton held aggregating some \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 which if pressed to a conclusion and sustained, would bankrupt a number of them.

Staff Captain Quirk, of Birmingham, will arrive in Columbus today to see after Salvation Army work, under supervision of Capt. and Mrs. L. M. McKay. Captain Quirk is the divisional officer who has charge of Salvation Army work in several states. There will be meetings at 7 o'clock on Main Street, and 8 o'clock in Faith Chapel every evening this week. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Bankhead Wins.

Jasper, Nov. 8.—In the tenth congressional district W. B. Bankhead has been elected over M. H. Freeman, his Republican opponent, by about 1,500 majority.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF JACKSON PIKE TO MEET SOON

PRESIDENT ATHERTON WILL CALL BODY TOGETHER TO NAME THE ROUTE.

Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., local member of the executive committee of the Jackson Memorial Highway Association, is in receipt of a letter from Col. P. L. Atherton of Louisville, Ky., president of the organization, in which he states that the delay in calling a meeting of the organization to receive the report of the pathfinders who recently went over the two proposed routes was due to the fact that he has been ill for the past ten days.

Col. Atherton has practically recovered, however, and expects to call a meeting of the committee at an early date. The meeting will be held at Nashville, and after the report of the scouts has been received the question of selecting an official route for the highway will come up for consideration.

### HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

One hundred and fifty negroes were arrested in St. Louis Tuesday morning for alleged attempts to vote illegally.

Colorado voters who were out in large numbers early were greeted by a snowstorm. "Dry" workers were astir early to get votes against the amendment permitting the manufacture of beer in Colorado.

Joe Bouquet, aviator, fell in a flight at the exposition grounds at San Diego last week and was killed. This happened on the last day of his engagement to fly for the exposition.

The rising cost of living is being investigated by the government to ascertain whether the increasing prices are being pushed upward unlawfully.

Mr. Allen Walton, who has for some time past held a position with S. B. Schwab, will be with Kaufman Brothers after this week.

Commercial Ads are Winners.

### UNCLE SAM EXTENDS AID TO LOCAL FLOOD SUFFERERS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS EXPENDING \$350 PER WEEK IN RELIEF WORK.

Through the efforts of Hon. E. S. Chandler, who represents this district in congress, and Hon. L. H. Hatchett, president of the board of supervisors in Lowndes county, the federal government has been induced to spend a large sum of money here repairing damage resulting from the floods which visited this section last July.

Major A. H. Guthrie, in charge of the federal engineer's office in Mobile, has on instruction from Washington, sent Mr. J. F. Yulle here to make a personal investigation, and after having inspected the damage done by the flood Mr. Yulle has put a large squad of laborers at work repairing this damage. The sum of \$350 a week will be expended and the work will be pushed forward to completion as rapidly as possible.

### ALABAMIAN IS KILLED BY M. & O. FREIGHT TRAIN

W. G. KEASLER MET HORRIBLE DEATH NEAR McSHAN ON SUNDAY MORNING.

Crushed to pieces by a westbound freight train on the Mobile & Ohio railroad about twenty miles east of Columbus, the body of Mr. W. G. Keasler, a well known planter of Pickens county, was brought to Columbus and prepared for burial.

Mr. Keasler had spent part of Saturday afternoon and night at McShan, Ala., and is said to have left there after midnight for his home, two miles distant. After walking a mile down the track, he stooped, supposedly to rest, and fell asleep. When the train approached the engineer saw Keasler too late to save him.

Mr. Keasler was about 32 years of age and unmarried. His body was identified by his brother Sunday and was taken to McShan for burial.

Mr. W. T. Lawrence, who has been visiting his family here, will leave the last of the week for Mountain Home, Ark., where he is now residing.

### STATE PASTORS TO HOLD CONFERENCE

WILL PRECEDE MEETING STATE CONVENTION NEXT WEEK.

FINE PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Annual Sermon Will Be Delivered by Dr. Scarborough of Fort Worth.

The annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, which is to be held in this city November 15, 16 and 17, will be preceded by a pastors' conference, which will be held Tuesday, November 14. The program follows:

Morning session, 9:30—Organization; theme for discussion, "The Country Church;" 10, "The Country Church a Denominational Asset," J. F. Williams, Collins; 10:30, "The Country Church," Shrdutao etao Problems of the Country Church," J. A. Rogers, Amory; 11, Devotional exercises, led by T. W. Green, Hattiesburg; 11:20, address, Dr. A. T. Robertson, Louisville, Ky.; adjournment for lunch.

Afternoon session, 2 o'clock—"The Country Church as Related to Community Life," W. I. Hargis, Oxford; 2:30, "The Proper Attitude of the Town Church Towards the Country Church," W. M. Bostick, Columbia; 3, "The Country Church and Denominational Exercises," R. B. Gunter, Louisville; 3:30, general discussion, led by S. G. Pope, Belzoni; adjournment.

Evening session, 7:30—Devotional exercises, led by E. D. Solomon, Meridian; 8, annual sermon, Dr. R. F. Scarborough, Fort Worth, Texas.

Will Give Entertainment.

The visitors who are here the first of the week to attend the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and the citizens of Columbus are invited to attend an entertainment which is to be given Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church. A play, "What It Means to Us," will be presented and will be participated in by Misses Anne Ramsey Longino, of Jackson, Luella Buck Varnado, of Jackson, Margaret Calhoun, of Jackson, Jessie Naul Rogers, of Laurel, Charles Hester, of Flora, and Mamie Johnson, of Yazoo City, six pretty students at the Industrial Institute and College. The young ladies will represent graduates of the Louisville Training School. A musical program, in charge of Mrs. B. K. Semums, will be enjoyed. Mrs. M. F. Flood will direct the play. No admission will be charged.

Mr. G. C. Swanzy Dies.

After a long illness, Mr. Grover C. Swanzy, a well known citizen who resided in the eastern section of the county, died Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. I. Allen, pastor of the Second Baptist church in this city. Interment took place at Beersheba cemetery.

Mr. Swanzy, who was thirty years of age, was associated for some time with his brother-in-law, Mr. John Tennyson, in the lumber business. Besides a devoted wife, he is survived by two children, who have the heartfelt sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Dr. H. G. Henderson Dies.

After suffering a third stroke of paralysis, Dr. H. G. Henderson, former pastor of the First Methodist church in this city, died the past week at his home in Holly Springs. The remains were carried to Georgetown, Ky., for interment.

Dr. Henderson was for two years a resident of this city, and during his stay here won the friendship of many people. After leaving Columbus he went to Sardis, and was later transferred to Holly Springs. His death is mourned by many citizens of this city.

Juniors Win Championship.

The Junior basketball team at the I. L. and C., on Wednesday afternoon won the championship inter-class game from the Freshmen, the score being 24 to 17. The winners were given the loving cup for the session.

The Seniors won a game from the Sophomores by a score of 55 to 0.

### GAME LAW RESULTS STILL IN DOUBT

RETURNS AVAILABLE INDICATE THAT IT HAS BEEN DEFEATED.

HEAVY VOTE WAS POLLED TUESDAY

Williams, Candler and Sykes All Receive Very Flattering Support.

In complete returns from the election indicate the defeat of the game law, which was submitted to the people of the state for ratification or rejection. These returns are by no means full, but those available indicate that the people do not favor the law and cast a heavy vote against it.

It has been impossible to obtain the full vote on the game law in this county, as neither Steens or Caledonia have reported. Exclusive of these boxes the law carried by a majority of 41, but the returns from Caledonia and Steens may change the final results.

It has also been impossible to ascertain who was elected county surveyor. No names of candidates for this office were printed on the ticket, but quite a number of voters wrote in the name of Mr. C. L. Wood and Mr. C. B. Lampkin, who were understood to be aspirants. The returns available indicate that the vote was close, and that an official count will doubtless be required to ascertain the final results.

The vote was unusually heavy for a general election, Senator John Sharp Williams, Congressman E. S. Candler and Judge E. O. Sykes having received flattering support.

The following officers presided at the two local boxes: Southside, Messrs. E. M. Lang and J. D. Lawrence, judges; Messrs. James A. McCaskill and John Wells, clerks; Northside, Messrs. S. M. Nash and J. R. Randle, judges; Mr. P. C. Barksdale, clerk.

Will Entertain.

The teachers and students of the Industrial Institute and College, who are members of the Episcopal church, will be delightfully entertained on Saturday afternoon by the members of the Ladies' Aid. In company with a committee from local organization, the ladies of the college will enjoy a show at the Princess Theatre at 3:30 o'clock. At 4:30 o'clock a reception will be given at the Parish House, and all members of the Episcopal church are urged to be present to welcome the guests.

Messrs. Walter and Ryland Prowell are spending several days in the delta, with the view of locating there within the next few months.

### COTTON MARKET ADVANCES ON NEWS OF ELECTION

GAIN OF ABOUT 30 POINTS RECORDED AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION.

Although the result of the national election was indoubt all day yesterday the outcome, whatever it might prove to be, seemed to be satisfactory to the bulls, who secured control of the cotton market and sent prices scurrying skyward, a gain of about 30 points having been experienced during the session.

At the close of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 19.45, December futures in New York at 19.48; New Orleans spots at 19.12 and December futures in New Orleans at 18.85. In the local market good middling was quoted at 18.35.

Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, of Tibbee, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Walker and Miss Sallie Will Walker are spending several days on a motor trip to the northern part of the state. One of the places that they will visit while away will be Shiloh, near Corinth.